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1. OPENING OF ENMOD CONVENTION --

AT VINCI GROUP MEETING, THE PORTUGUESE REP REPORTED THAT THE SOVIETS HAD RAISED IN LISBON THE QUESTION OF HIGH-LEVEL SIGNING OF ENMOD CONVENTION. CANADIANS AND ITALIANS WERE SURPRISED THAT THE SIGNING CEREMONY WOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA, NOTING THEIR DELS HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SIGN IN NEW YORK. TURKISH AND FINNISH REPS SAID THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ATTEND GENEVA CEREMONY AT LEVEL YET TO BE DETERMINED. THE JAPANESE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SIGN THE CONVENTION UNTIL IT IS APPROVED BY THE DIET, WHICH WILL BE SOME TIME AFTER MAY 18. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1347)

2. DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM --

CONSULTATIONS INDICATE THAT DENMARK WILL VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE ECOSOC OMNIBUS RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THE REMAINING ECOSOC MEMBERS OF THE EC-9 WILL ABSTAIN BECAUSE OF LANGUAGE CALLING FOR MEASURES THEY CONSIDER TO BE IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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DOMAIN OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THE EC-9 WILL VOTE "YES" ON THE CONFERENCE RESOLUTION, ALTHOUGH AS OF NOW THE FRG HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN. THE AFRICANS HAVE CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN MEMBERS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT AN ACCEPTABLE CONFERENCE TEXT, AND THIS CLOSE AFRICAN COOPERATION IS A FACTOR IN THE EUROPEAN DESIRE TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. THE ISRAELIS ARE GREATLY DISTURBED AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSENSUS ON THAT RESOLUTION, AND IT IS PROBABLE THAT THEY WILL POINT TO SOME PARAGRAPHS WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS ENCOMPASSING RESOLUTION 3379(XXX) EQUATING ZIONISM WITH RACISM. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 1348)

3. OFFER OF CUBAN PRISONER EXCHANGE --

SYG WALDHEIM NOW HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM LIONEL GOMEZ, "COORDINATOR OF THE AFRO-CUBAN COMMITTEE," WASHINGTON, D.C., WHICH STATES, AS EARLIER TELEGRAM DID, THAT UNITA IS OFFERING TO EXCHANGE CUBAN PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

IN ANGOLA FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS INCARCERATED BY CASTRO'S
COMMUNIST REGIME. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1336)

4. NORTH KOREAN TRAVEL TO NEW YORK --

ROK COUNSELOR LEE REPORTED THAT SOUTH KOREANS OBSERVED TWO
NORTH KOREANS ARRIVING AT JFK AIRPORT APRIL 24 FROM MOSCOW
ABOARD A PAN AMERICAN FLIGHT. ACCORDING TO LEE, ALL NORTH
KOREANS HITHERTO OBSERVED ARRIVING FROM MOSCOW BY ROK
REPRESENTATIVES HAD TRAVELED ABOARD AEROFLOT. SOUTH KOREANS
BELIEVED THESE NORTH KOREANS WERE "IMPORTANT" PEOPLE JUDGING
FROM THE GREETING EXTENDED THEM BY MEMBERS OF DPRK OBSERVER
OFFICE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 1346)

5. COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS --

NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN
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GROUP, INTRODUCED IN THE COMMISSION MAY 3 A 19-POWER DRAFT
RESOLUTION ENTITLED "ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THEIR COLLABORATION WITH THE RACIST
MINORITY REGIMES IN THAT AREA." THE DRAFT INCLUDES BLANKET
ASSERTION THAT TNC'S SUPPORT RACIST MINORITY REGIMES AND,
THEREFORE, SHOULD BE CONDEMNED, REQUESTS THAT NEW INVESTMENT
BE STOPPED AND A PROGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF DISENGAGEMENT BE
UNDERTAKEN, AND, INTER ALIA, REQUESTS HOME COUNTRY
ACTION.

HARRIMAN EMPHASIZED THAT TNC'S HAVE BEEN A CRITICAL FACTOR
IN SUPPORTING RACIST REGIMES, EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN
ABOUT THEIR ROLE IN SUPPLYING ARMS AND SUPPORTING THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF ARMS INDUSTRY IN SOUTH AFRICA, SINGLED OUT BANKS
FOR THEIR ROLE IN THE AREA, AND NOTED TNC'S ARE ACTIVELY
PROMOTING PROPAGANDA PROGRAMS DIRECTED AGAINST UN EFFORTS
TO ACHIEVE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE AREA. HE READ A LIST
OF TRADE FIGURES FOR THE FRG, FRANCE, UK AND US, COVERING
TOTAL TRADE WITH AFRICA, WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AND WITH NIGERIA,
AND CONCLUDED THAT TNC'S SHOULD RECOGNIZE THAT THEIR ADVANTAGE
LIES NOT IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA BUT
WITH THE REST OF AFRICA. REPRESENTATIVES OF KENYA, ZAMBIA,
YUGOSLAVIA AND

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ALGERIA MADE STATEMENTS SUPPORTING THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.
THE ALGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE LINKED ZIONSIM TO THE ACTIVITIES
OF TNC'S IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND PROPOSED THAT THE CENTER
ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS PREPARE A REPORT ON THE SUBJECT.

THE NIGERIANS TOLD US THAT THIS DRAFT RESOLUTION IS A

CONSIDERABLY WATERED DOWN VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFTS
TABLED IN THE AFRICAN GROUP MEETING. REPORTEDLY HARRIMAN
WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THIS MODERATINGPROCESS AND IS NOW
UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO TAKE A HARD LINE IN ANY NEG-
OTIATIONS. ONE OF THE REPORTED CHARGES AGAINST HARRIMAN
IS THAT HE HAS BECOME TOO FRIENDLY TOWARD THE US.
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6. COMMITTEE OF 24 --

GENERAL DEBATE ON RHODESIA WAS CONCLUDED IN THE COMMITTEE
MAY 2 WITH STATEMENTS BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ETHIOPIA,
IRAN, SIERRA LEONE AND SOVIET UNION. THE COMMITTEE
AGREED WITHOUT OBJECTION TO CHAIRMAN SALIM'S (TANZANIA)
PROPOSAL THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CRUCIAL DEVELOPMENTS PERTAINING
TO RHODESIA AND BEARING IN MIND THE FORTHCOMING MAPUTO
CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH THIS MATTER, THE COMMITTEE
DEFER TAKING DECISIONS AT THIS POINT. SALIM SAID THE COMMITTEE
WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION LATER TO SUBMIT CONCRETE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GA. THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED THE
INVITATION FROM THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL (WPC) AND THE
INTERNATIONAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD ASSEMBLY
OF BUILDERS OF PEACE TO BE AT THE ASSEMBLY IN WARSAW
MAY 6-11. ITS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE VICE NEYTCHEV
(BULGARIA) AND RAPPORTEUR GLAYEL (SYRIA). GLAYEL WILL THEN
GO DIRECTLY TO THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE. THE CHINESE DELEGATE
EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON PARTICIPATION IN THE WARSAW
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MEETING, RECALLING THAT CHINA'S POSITION REGARDING THE WPC,
"A HIRED TOOL OF A CERTAIN SUPERPOWER," WAS WELL KNOWN.

ETHIOPIA WAS CRITICAL OF THE UK, STRONGLY OPPOSED
REPORTED UK INTENTION TO OPEN A LIAISON OFFICE IN
RHODESIA, AND FULLY SUPPORTED THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE AND
PARTICULAR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. IRAN HOPED THAT UK AND US
EFFORTS WOULD BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT AND EMPHASIZED THAT
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONALIST ELEMENTS SHOULD SOLVE
THEIR DIFFERENCESIN ADVANCE OF ANY NEGOTIATING FORUM.
SIERRA LEONE THOUGHT SMITH HAD "MADE FOOLS" OF THE UK AND THE
US, AND WHILE IT WISHED THE NEW UK-US INITIATIVE SUCCESS,
AT THE SAME TIME CALLED UPON THE COMMITTEE TO RECOGNIZE
THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE OF THE ZIMBABWEAN PEOPLE WAS THE
ONLY ALTERNATIVE LEFT TO THEM. USSR AGREED WITH AFRICANS
THAT THE UK SHOULD NOT REOPEN AN OFFICE IN SALISBURY,
AND SAID A PEACEFUL SOLUTION WAS NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL THE
WESTERN POWERS SHOWED BY DEEDS THAT THEY WERE READY TO COOPERATE
WITH THE UN BY EXERTING PRESSURE ON THE SMITH REGIME

AND SEEING THAT THE RESOLUTIONS WERE IMPLEMENTED.

7. SOCIAL COMMITTEE --

THE COMMITTEE CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION MAY 3 (A.M.) OF THE ITEM ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGO'S) BY ADOPTING AN ORALLY AMENDED DRAFT DECISION RECOMMENDING THAT THOSE ORGANIZATIONS ENJOYING CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH ECOSOC BE ASKED TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED SIX DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING NARCOTIC DRUGS, AND HEARD VIEWS OF AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA PAKISTAN, VENEZUELA AND THE NETHERLANDS ON THE QUESTION.

FOUR OF THE RESOLUTIONS ON NARCOTIC DRUGS HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND CONCERN: REDUCTION OF ILLICIT DEMAND FOR NARCOTIC DRUGS AND
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PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES -- ADOPTED 30-0-6, WITH USSR VOT VOTING; ASSIGNING ABOVE-AVERAGE PRIORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL -- 38-0-2, AFTER SOVIET PROPOSAL TO DELETE REFERENCE TO ALLOCATION OF NECESSARY RESOURCES UNDER UN REGULAR BUDGET WAS DEFEATED, 8-19-10; PREVENTION AND COMBATTING OF DRUG ABUSE IN AFRICA -- 35-0-5, WITH USSR NOT VOTING; AND COORDINATING OF TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF ILLICIT PRODUCTION OF NARCOTIC RAW MATERIALS -- 36-0-5(INCLUDING USSR). TWO OTHER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE: UK PROPOSAL COMMENDING THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD -- APPROVED BY CONSENSUS; AND CANADA-MEXICO-NORWAY-YUGOSLAVIA DRAFT ENDORSING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS ON RESTRICTION OF THE CULTIVATION OF POPPY -- 36-0-5 (INCLUDING USSR).

8. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING OF UN SYSTEM --

THE COMMITTEE BEGAN A THREE-WEEK SESSION MAY 2 AND AGREED TO FOLLOW THE PRACTICE OF PREVIOUS SESSIONS BY CONTINUING ITS WORK IN AN INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP, WHERE IT WILL CONSIDER FIVE OF THE EIGHT "PROBLEM AREAS" IDENTIFIED AT ITS SECOND SESSION. CHAIRMAN DADZIE (GHANA), NOTING THAT THERE WERE ONLY THREE WEEKS OF MEETING TIME TO COMPLETE "FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS" ON RESTRUCTURING, CALLED ON MEMBERS TO IMPROVE THEIR READINESS TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS, BALANCED NEGOTIATIONS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR COMMITMENT TO SEARCH FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION.

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